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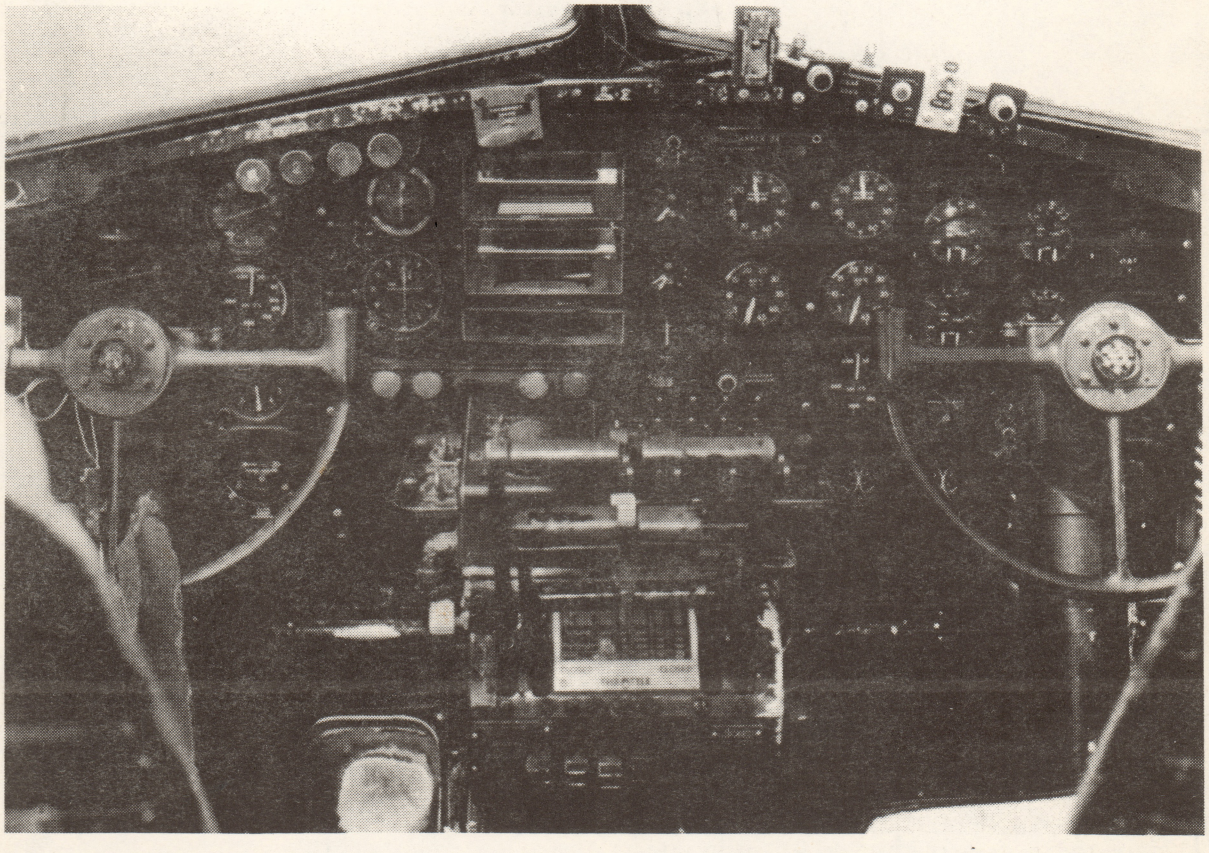

Do you recognize this cockpit?

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Hello again, it's August and we at Headquarters are very busy. Sherry Giesler (PR Chairperson) has everyone hustling and bustling to get Founder's Weekend together. If you haven't contacted her yet to volunteer for service, she says she will start haunting dreams this month until you do. Sherry is really working hard to make this the best event yet. The GI REVEIW still needs your talent so does retail sales, hospitality, security and office staff. The publication still needs a paste-up artist.

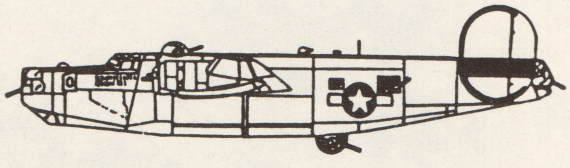
If you recognize the cockpit on the cover please contact Fred Lockwood, B-17 Crew Chief, he is looking for able body crew members for restoration of this new addition to our museum. As John states in his editorial it was quite a sight to see this beauty land. My seven year-old daughter was really impressed with the plane. So was my five year-old daughter. They couldn't wait to see it up close. By the size of the crowd neither could a lot of Detroit area residents.

Also inside there are the photos of the people running for office. There are two canidates each for President, Vice-President and Secretary. And there are ten people running for the six open Director's positions.

There is still time to get in your orders for the 1987 YAF calendar. The calendar still needs final Board approval. (A mere technicality, I hope.) If approved it will be available for sale by Founder's Weekend.

Due to lack of space there is no Tale Spins this month but Jack will be back next month with a short quiz. Membership is proud to report that you are keeping them busy with all the new recruits that you are signing up. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!

'Till Next Month
K. Miller, Editor



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Photos by Norm Jones and Bruce Allbright. Line Art by Squadron Mail Order Catalog. Cover Photo is of our B-17 cockpit.(Some of us already know that.)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The membership committee is one of the many hard-working committees which is fine-tuning the proceedures of your organization. We are a non-profit public corporation and as such must carefully follow government guidelines, particularly where finances are concerned. Therefore we must tighten up on membership proceedures and expiration dates.

Our By-Laws have always stated that dues are paid on an annual basis and policy always provided for a 30-day grace period at expiration time. Our new By-Laws will be more specific but policy will not change.

In the past, without sufficient manpower and a computer, we were never sure if members had been properly notified at renewal time. Therefore we were very hesitant to remove anyone from our membership rolls and mailing list. Now with staff in the membership office, a computer on line and the input almost complete, we have a record of notices and reminders mailed. With the computer doing the typing, we have the time to follow up and know where we stand.

Our new system is working. Have you looked at your address label? Can you read that top line? Do you wonder why it says "or Current Resident"? On the first line on your label are four numerals: this is your member number. Next are two letters: these are your division assignment--WR for all at-large members who are not assigned to a division but are covered under Willow Run Headquarters. Next are four numerals which is your renewal date. If your spouse is also a member, his/her number will be the next set of four numerals. So there you have it--0384 WR 9586 (or Life or C/Life)0385. The Current Resident line is to avoid the mailing being thrown away, Third Class Mail will not be fowarded if the address is no longer current.

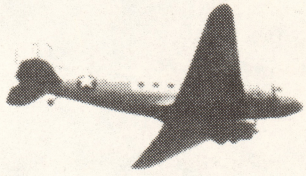
The notice proceedure will be as follows: 60 days before renewal date you will be sent a notice which is also a renewal form. Please respond to this first notice as soon as possible, to prevent the need for a second notice. Mailings cost money and it's your money. Let's save all we can and put it toward our restoration projects. If we haven't heard from you by the beginning of your renewal month, we will send a reminder. If you have not responded by the end of your renewal month, a notice stating that you are in the 30 day grace period will be sent. After the 30 day period we will have to drop you from our rolls. This is one notice we never want to send.

As of September 1, 1986 we will have to start enforcing this expiration date and regrettably drop anyone more than 30 days in arrears. Take a look at your membership card. What is the expiration date on it? Is it past due? Help your YAF by catching up now! Don't wait for us to send you a notice. It's only $30.00 per year and just $10.00 for your spouse.

We know no one likes getting computer letters but with almost 2400 members and growing fast there is no other way to keep up with the volume of work. Don't forget, we are volunteers, too

When you receive your copy of the new By-Laws, study the section on membership classifications. These changes must be made to comply with legal guidelines. More on this next month.

Barbara Sutton
Membership Director



REMEMBERING RON

Sunday, July 13, was a day of profound sadness for the Yankee Air Force. On that day many of us learned of the untimely and tragic death of Ron Ridenour.

Ron is gone from our midst, yet in other ways he is still with us. Ron was responsible for the beautiful paint-job on our C-47 " Yankee Doodle Dandy"; and many other aircraft in our hanger. So, for some time to come, Ron's artistry will be visible to us all.

Yet Ron was so much more than a talented aircraft painter and a dedicated YAF member and worker. What I shall miss most of all; and what those of us who were privilaged to know Ron will miss, is his spirit, his joyfulness, his smiling face and great good humor. Ron embodied the true spirit of the Yankee Air Force; he worked hard, to bring to fruition, what this organization is all about, and he did so, with such dedication and overflowing good cheer, as to make our mutual labors enjoyable.

I speak, I believe, not just for myself, but for all of us who are richer in spirit for having known Ron. We shared the same dream, to preserve a portion of American aviation history. Each of us has made a different contribution to the fullfillment of that dream - yet Ron contributed not just to the practical fulfilment of the dream - he epitomized the spirit behind that dream!

We shall miss you Ron. And the Yankee Air Force Museum will not be the same without you.
God Bless and Keep you.

John W. Syler, IV

BOARD PAVES WAY FOR B-17

by Jim Hanford

By the time you read this, the Yankee Air Force B-17 will have arrived at the hangar at Willow Run, but most members probably have little knowledge of the efforts which have gone into this latest acquisition. A significant part of the June meeting of our National Board was devoted to the status of arrangements to date, and a through review of arrangements still pending - to ensure that no oversight would jeopardize the project. Examples of such matters include closure on the bank loan, provisions for insurance, transmission of information and funds to Globe Air, details of the ferry flight, and arrangements for its arrival. The funding package was a project in itself. Here is how it fell into place:

Gift from Mr. Joe Salvic:	$ 50,000
Loan from Mr. Frank Day:	50,000
Loan from National Bank of Detroit:	100,000
Donations/Pledges/YAF General Fund:	66,000
	$266,000

Nothing mentioned above is intended to minimize the efforts of those non-directors who have given so much to the success of this project, but that is the subject of another story.

Other Board actions included the designation of a seat for a person working on Membership when the C-47 flies to air shows. This seat may not be used if the show is within driving range, but is required for distant air shows because of the workloads experienced. The C-47 schedule for the remainder of the 1986 season is as follows:

Aug. 2-3	Selfridge ANGB
Aug. 16-17	Grand Rapids
Aug. 24	Saginaw Valley Fly-in/Open House
Oct. 11-12	Northeast Div. Fly-in/Open House

The susceptibility of aircraft to damage was emphasized by recent damage to the F7F nose wheel resulting from failure to use the tow bar. To prevent a recurrence of similar damage, a guide for aircraft towing procedures and other precautions will be prepared.

Finally the Board took under consideration the following possible acquisitions: SA-16B Albatross (Grumman amphibian, DeHavilland Caribou (ex-Golden Knights), Pereira X28A "Osprey" (prototype small seaplane; an loan from USMC Air-Ground Museum) (Ed.'s Note: The plane was delivered July 4th.)

In addition to the ever-growing concern over hangar space, especially with the addition of the B-17, the Board also expressed concern that the number of individuals willing to work on restoration crews is not keeping pace with the increasing demands posed by the various restoration projects. Nevertheless, the Board is responsible for considering new opportunities for acquisitions as they arise.

DO YOU REMEMBER IN JANUARY?

by Harry Torpstra

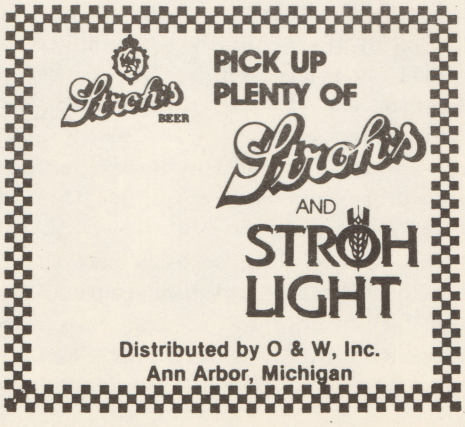
Do you remember in January, when we said that 1986 was going to be an exciting year? Do you also remember we talked about "Service, Progress and Pride"?

Well, the fun has just begun and I think we ALL can be very proud of what's been happening to our organization lately.

Memorial Day was a great sucess. Everyone worked hard and again demonstrated what "Service, Progress and Pride" is all about. Our members overcame unexpected difficulties and handled the largest crowd that has ever been at the Yankee Air Force event. Our Vice-President, Russ Maxwell, stepped in as chairperson, along with his other duties and did an excellent job of co-ordinating the planning. All of the chairpersons, along with the members of their committees, did what had to be done to make this event a great success. Each person who took part should be very proud of the results and the YAF owes them our gratitude. It is this kind of teamwork that will make us a successful organization.

We have also been getting valuable exposure in the news media, thanks to the P.R. Committee, which is headed by Sherry Giesler. We have had articles or photos in magazines, thanks to other members or interested non-members. Most of these that we know of are local to the Detroit area but some are national pulbications. For example, we have been in the following publications: EAA Warbirds, EAA Sports Aviation, Air Progress Warbirds (Fall 1986), Detroit Free Press, Detroit News, and the Ann Arbor News, and on the following broadcast stations: CKLW Radio, WJR Radio, WNIC Radio, WWJ Radio, WXYT Radio and a couple of Public Television Stations.

As a result of this publicity, many eyes are turned to see what we are really made of. We have many opportunities to show that we can and will take all kinds of assistance and hard work. We need people who can do physical work, planners and doers. We should all try to contribute in at least one of these areas; others can't do them all. We need you, whatever it is that you can do to help. Let's continue to demonstrate what "Service, Progress and Pride" is all about!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Welcome to the YAF

When is Pat not a Patrick? When SHE is Patricia Farnsworth YAF #2216, new member of Northeast Division. Sorry for the change of gender, Pat. Thanks for writing. Now I know someone is reading the Yankee Wings. Welcome to the "Women of the YAF," who are playing a vital role in the success of our organization.

Welcome also to the new members who have joined between May 1 and July 18, 1986, who are as follows:

Wi/Il Div. Phyllis Lane #2297, Kenneth J. Kellner #2298, Dick James #2359, Rolando W. Secoy #2360.

Sag/Val Div. Jerry R. Crawford #2284.

Northeast Div. Stuart M. Barrett #2286, Victor C. Craig #2287, Daniel S. Kerwin #2288, Robert H. Manacio #2289, Udo Charles Ottenfeld #2290, Glenn D. Obertubbesing #2341, John M. Povich #2341, Bruce G. Williams #2342.

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On July 2, the day the YAF B-17 arrived at its new home we had 26 new members join. In the first 18 days of July we have welcomed 62 new members at Headquarters. We hope the interest generated by the B-17 will continue, and these new friends will learn the varied ways they can be a part of this wonderful organization. There were also many older members who came back and paid their renewal dues. We are glad to have you back. We have much to accomplish. None of us can do it alone. We need you all.

GET INVOLVED! When you are called to help, say "YES! Sure! I'll be there." Never say no, because we can't succeed without you.

The Membership Committee has taken it upon itself to spearhead the "Food for the Needy Drive" each fall. We will start collecting items right after Founder's Day. We will be seeking canned or dry food items and paper products etc. We will add our items to the collection handled by the VanBuren Twp Senior Center, as we did last year. They have a better view of the needs of the community than we do.

Let's dig down deep and help the less fortunate. Bring your donations to the Hangar after the 14th of September and we will have lots to share by Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Barbara Sutton
Director, Membership

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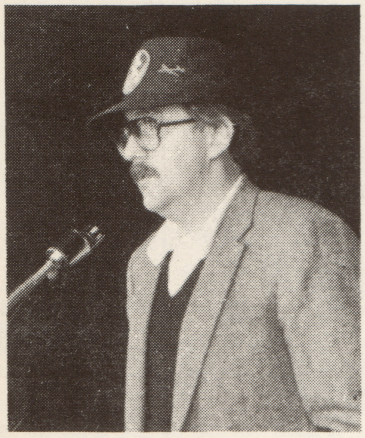

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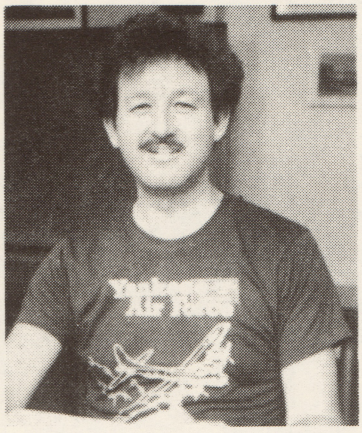

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*** ELECTION NOTICE ***

Due to space limitations, the 1986 candidate's resumes will not be printed in this issue. The resumes, along with the proposed by-law revisions will be mailed separately to each member for their consideration.

Members may apply, in writing, for an absentee ballot. Requests must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope, and be received at National Headquarters by October 1, 1986. Completed absentee ballots must be postmarked by October 19, 1986, to be tallied with all Division's ballots on October 25, 1986 at National Headquarters. Voting instructions will be sent with the absentee ballots.

Only those members who are paid-up by September, 1986 will be eligible to vote. Each Division will receive an up-to-date computer print-out of eligible voters. New members or those renewing after September 1 must present a dated receipt to vote.

Please send absentee ballot requests to:

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P.O. BOX 1100
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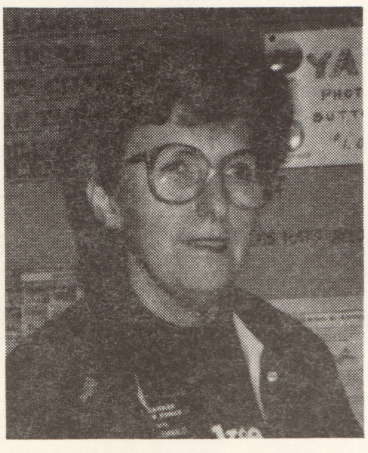

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(Ed. note: Not pictured; Wilfred Bonnewell, Cindy Smith and Fergus Mann.)

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Through these laws, I am compelled to pay a business tax, amusement tax, head tax, school tax and excise tax. I am required to get a business license, car license, operator's license, truck license not to mention a marriage license and dog licence.

I am required to contribute to every society and organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life; to women's relief, unemployment relief, and gold digger's relief. Also to every hospital and charitable instution in the city, including the Salvation Army, Community Chest, Red Cross, Purple Heart, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Heart Fund, Polio Fund, YMCA and YWCA.

For my safety, I am required to carry health insurance, life insurance, fire insurance, property insurance, burglar insurance, accidental insurance, unemployment insurance, compensation insurance and old age insurance.

My business is so governed that it is no easy matter to find out who owns it. I am suspected, disrepected, rejected dejected, examined, informed, required, summoned, fined commanded and complelled, untill I've provided an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race.

Simply because I refuse to donate to something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up, held down, and robbed until I am almost ruined.

I can tell you honestly that except for a miracle that has happened, I could not enclose this check. The wolf that has been hanging around my door just had a litter of pups in my kitchen. I sold them and here is the money.

Sincerely,
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(ED.'s Note: If this poor soul can still give are the rest of us doing our part?)

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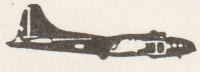


B-17 DAY
by John W. Syler,IV

On the calendar it may have said: Wednesday, July 2, 1986, but for us in the Yankee Air Force - it was B-17 Day!!

What a sight! Even with the turrets removed and no insignia - what a moment, what a day!

Your writer was a nine year-old boy when the Second World War ended. I remember that last " Just War" very well. And for me, the B-17 occupies a special place in my memories of the war. and to see this last of the species fly-over, land and taxi to a stop on our west ramp was a time of high emotion.

How many of us YAF'ers and non-members found the experience one to give a lump to the throat and cause a misting to the eyes? If anything, an occasion such as B-17 Day, gives true meaning to what we, as worker/members are all about in the Yankee Air Force!

On the occasion of the arrival of the B-52, I thought then, as an eagle, (I'm somewhat beyond being a hawk!) that nothing would ever top the experience of October 26, 1983. However, B-17 Day, proved me wrong in that assumption!

I think that once the'17 is restored to full WWII configuration and taxis out on the ramp and flies again- appearing just as she did, more than 40 years ago - there won't be a dry eye on the field!

Then truly, history will not be a dead, dusty part of our American past, but a living entity - preserved for all to see to touch, to hear- a portion of our glorious history, reawakened and restored to life.

THE FLYING FORTRESS-- B-17

I was one of many in the crowd at Willow Run
To see a Fortress landing on the Second of July.
Yankee Air Force members with help from other folks
Had pledged their hearts and money, a B-17 to buy.

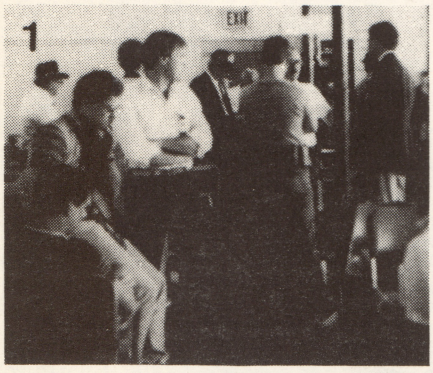
A little after four p.m. the Fortress was in sight
Escorted by the B-25 and our own C-47.
All eyes fastened on the sky- a sight we'll not forget;
The graceful Warbird floated by as though a gift from Heaven.

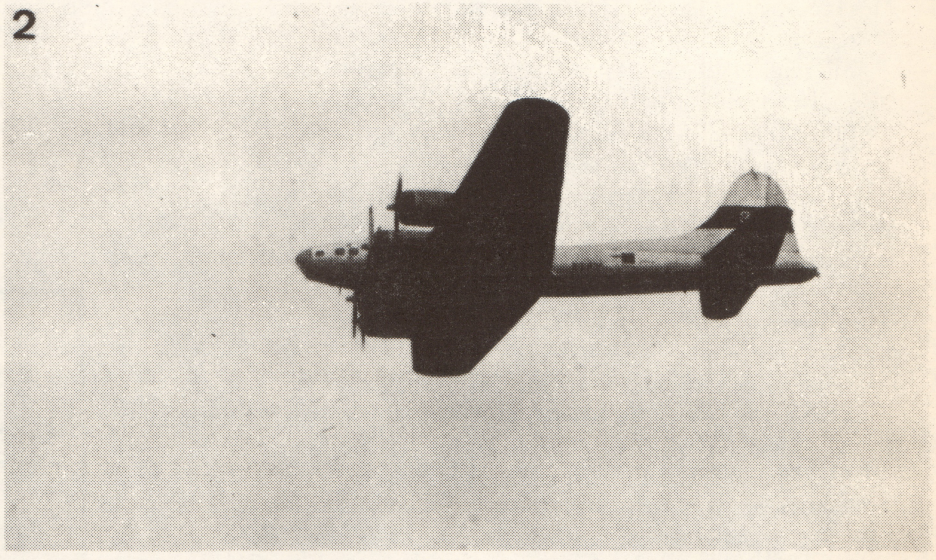
Many mixed emotions were the order of the day-
All ages awed by three warbirds in flight;
For some there was the memory of a war so long ago
When the Fortress was a leader in the fight.

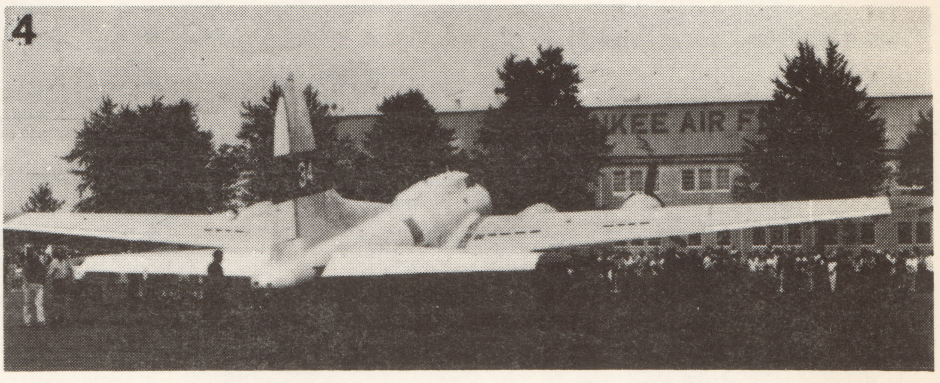
Flying formation, silver-gleaming in the sun
A threat to all who dared her firepower.
One of the few survivors of the thousands that were built--
Now part of our museum-- touch down-4:12 by the tower.

Graham Armstrong

"B-17 HERE AT LAST"





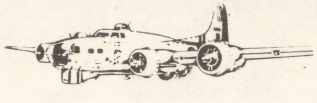


B-17 DAY
photos by Bruce Allbright
and Norm Jones

1) Newsmen Briefing before take-off
2) B-17 in flight over Lansing before rendezvous
3) B-17 landing at Willow Run
4) B-17 and her many admirers
5) The Flight Crew: (left to right) Norm Elickson, Bill Wall, Dick Bodycombe, Fred Lockwood

COME OUT AND SEE HER, SOMETIME

In January 1911--only eight years after the Wright brothers' first powered flights-- the first bomb was dropped from a aircraft in a test near San Francisco that utilized a Wright Biplane. Wartime aerial bombardment, however, was inaugurated by Germany's Rumpler "Yaube" ("Dove") observation plane; it was the first bomb Paris with four-pound hand-thrown bombs in the 1914-1918 conflict.
(Great Fighter Aircraft)



FOUNDER'S WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 13&14

The planning is underway. Chairperson Sherry Giesler says," GO FOR IT" is our motto. We agree, go for the bigger better Founders Day 1986.

In 1985 Russ Maxwell showed us we could do more than we had ever done before and this year we will build on that experience.

This year's theme is the 5th Anniversary of YAF, 75th Anniversary of Naval Aviation, 60th Anniversary of Michigan Air Guard and 50th Anniversary of Air Traffic Controllers. What a party that should make!

Founders Day is also our National Convention and Annual meeting. A time for the Division people to come and see what Headquarters is all about. What they are a part of and what they can be proud of.

Plan to attend. Be a part of the festivities. We will have 2 days of displays, programs, movies, and aircraft both static and flying.

Members in the area near the hangar who have bedroom space and who wish to offer it to an out of towr member, please register with me as soon as possible. Let's show our Michigan hospitality to our fellow YAF'ers.

We will also have motel rooms reserved for those who would prefer. We have booked a block of rooms in a Budgetel Motel just 10 minutes from the Hangar. It is brand new and under $40.00 per night for 2 persons. Let me know if you wish a room held for you. The more rooms we have the bigger the discount I can get. Work this week-end into your vacation, we are worth it.

For accomodations to offer or to reserve, contact BARBARA SUTTON , YAF Box 1100 Ypsilanti, Mi. , or call the hangar during business hours (313) 483-4030. Let's get this set up nice and early. Do it today.

Barbara Sutton
Founder's Weekend Housing

NOTE: Saturday will be free to the membership, HOWEVER there is a little catch to the cause. To support unity and to celebrate our anniversary, we are asking all the male members to wear their YAF hats especially on Saturday (to get in free). Remember famous YAF Chinese Proverb " NO HATTEE, NO GETTEE IN FREE". Please all YAF Members, men and women, let's get behind this anniversary celebration and wear our uniforms PROUDLY. Let our guests who visit this weekend know " WE ARE YANKEE AIR FORCE"!!

We still need " Famous" YAF talent for the GI REVIEW. We know your are out there.

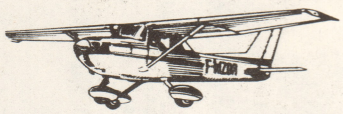
We need manpower, womenpower for Saturday's Hot dog lunch. It is going to be a long selling period on Saturday, but there is money to be made and "UNCLE YANKEE NEEDS YOU !!!!! Please sign up to work. VOLUNTEERS UNITE!!!!

Even with all the PR we will have in the Media, there is still only one sure method of advertising that always works and that is "WORD OF MOUTH". So let's let the word out about our Fifth Annual Founder's Weekend. Remember " GO FOR IT".

Displays Military recruitment, B-17, Restoration, FAA, 99's, VVA

FOUNDER"S WEEKEND IS ONLY AS GREAT AS WE MAKE IT!!!

Sherry Giesler
PR/ Founder's Chairperson



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MUSEUM UPDATE

Have you checked out the Museum lately? If not, you should. The mad pace of construction and renovation has abated somewhat for the summer, so now is a good time to get up there without fear of being run over by a sheet of drywall or a paint roller.

Lee Bassett invites you to visit the Post WWII room. Lee has done a terrific amount of work in this room as well as setting up the ammo and patch displays in the hall. If you don't see your patch there, it's only because you didn't give it to Lee. The museum has many excellent aircraft models in the collection. However, in some cases we either don't know or are not sure who the builder/doner is, and we would like to give proper recognition. If you have donated a model to the museum PLEASE contact a museum staff member.

Speaking of donations, Lee has put out a call for Korea and Viet Nam artifacts. We recieve WWII items almost daily, but the two most recent Far Eastern disturbances are but scantily represented. GI's are GI's, so I know a lot of you Korea and Nam vets have got things tucked away in attics and basements, just like the WWII folks, how about looking around and maybe considering a better home for these items, so that others may be enlightened about "your" war? To some they were only "police actions" or " foreign entanglements", but those who were there know better. Your stories deserve and need telling. If you can help us out in this regard, please contact Lee Bassett.

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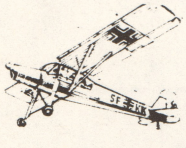
Yankee Air Force member Lou Spanberger, owner-manager of Oakland-Southwest Airport, Inc., at New Hudson, Michigan, has announced several improvements at the airport.

In the coming months, runways #7 and #25 will be completely resurfaced with asphalt, along with the main (north-south) taxiway. Currently, several existing hangars are being refurbished and additional tie-downs are being installed.

"These improvements are part of our continuing renovation and expansion program at Oakland-Southwest Airport Inc.," says Lou.

In order to help provide some of the needed funds for the improvements, the airport sponsored a runway fundraiser the weekend of June 14-15. Theme of the fundraiser was " fly the friendly skies around New Hudson." On both days airplane rides were offered in a variety of aircraft, including a T-6, BT-13, two Stearman bi-planes, and a Fiesler Storch.

The Oakland- Southwest Airport is known as the "Home of the Michigan Stearmans," with seven vintage Stearman biplanes based there.



On Saturday August 24, 1986, the Pontiac Air Traffic Control Tower will sponsor an open house at Oakland/Pontiac Airport.

Included in the open house will be antiques, classics, EAA experimentals, mini-jets, military aircraft, helichopters, hot-air balloons and model aircraft.

The control tower will be open for tours from 10:00am to 6:00pm. There will be flight demostrations. The day's event will commemorate the 50th anniversary of Air Traffic Control.

Stan Reich

"RECEPTION/OFFICE"

To fill in the Yankee Air Force reception/office daily and weekend schedule we have openings for a few more volunteers. Times are 9AM to 5 PM. If you have some free time to give us, please contact YAF hangar.
Russ Kenyon Chairman, or Nancy Lockwood, Secretary at Home 482-4120 or at the hangar.
"MANY THANKS"

FOUNDERS DAY 1986
AIRMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year at Founders Day, the Yankee Air Force awards their Airman of the Year Award to one who has worked to further aviation. Candidates for this award are suggested by members of the YAF.

If you have a candidate in mind please contact your Division or Headquarters as soon as possible. Include your reason for nominating the candidate.

Each Division will choose their own Airman of the Year and one will be chosen for the National Award.

Contact your Division or HQ. Send to
Yankee Air Force Airman of the Year Award.
Box 1100 Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197

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K. Miller, Editor

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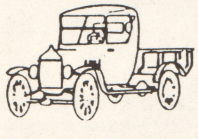
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FOUNDER'S WEEKEND
September 13 and 14, 1986
Charge per car: $ 5.00

SATURDAY September 13

7:30 AM til 8:00 AM	Coffee & Donuts
8:00 AM til 10:00 AM	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
10:00AM til 11:00AM	Guest Forum Speaker (surprise)
11:00 AM til 12:00 PM	Guest Speaker Walker Morrow - Engineer only metal clad blimp built Grosse Ile, Michigan)
11:00 AM til 4:00 PM	HOT DOGS
10:00 AM til 3:00 PM	Fly-Bys
	Aviation Movies in Theatre Tent SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

ALL DAY STATIC DISPLAYS
ALL DAY MUSEUM TOURS
Women in Aviation Room Guest Speaker MSGT. Elisa Harper USAF (SATURDAY & SUNDAY)

CLOSE 5:00 PM
Doors reopen 6:30PM

DINNER DANCE (Serving Dinner 6:30 SHARP)
tickets $40.00 per couple

7:00 PM til 8:30 PM	Ambassadors begin music
8:30 PM til 9:00 PM	GI REVIEW (USO SHOW)
9:00 PM til 10:00 PM	Music for Dancing
10:00 PM til 10:30 PM	GI REVIEW con't.
10:30 PM til 12:00AM	Music for Dancing

SUNDAY September 14

9:00 AM til 1:00 PM	Pancake Breakfast
11:30 AM til 3:00 PM	HOT DOG Lunch
10:00 AM til 11:00 AM	Guest Speaker Lee Koepke
11:00AM til 12:00PM	Guest Speaker (surprise)
NOON	CEREMONIES BEGIN
	Guest Speakers: Navy, Michigan Air Guard, FAA
1:00 PM	Fly-Bys Begin
5:00 PM	THE BEGINNING YAF 6th YEAR

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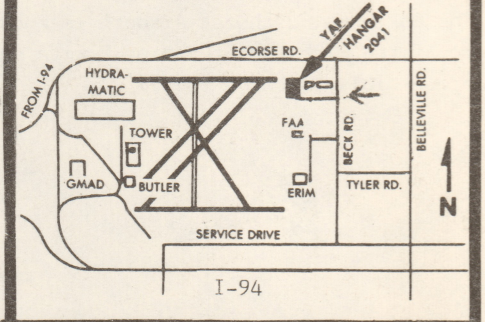

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